

Warden Message

January 8, 2009

Dear Warden:

Please share the following time sensitive information with the American citizens on your warden list, and any other Americans you know, as soon as possible. Please contact the American Citizen Services section via email (ConsularQuito@state.gov) fax 398-5268 or telephone 398-5000 ext. 5172 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance. This message is to advise American citizens in Ecuador that a protest in Quito is planned for today, January 8, 2009 at approximately 4:30 pm. The protesters are expected to gather at the Parque Arbolito and proceed to the Israeli Embassy on Coruña Street. There are also reports that the protesters will march to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Presidential Palace. The exact number of protestors is unknown at this time. American citizens are strongly urged to avoid large gatherings or any other event where crowds have congregated to demonstrate or protest. While protests/demonstrations are generally nonviolent in Ecuador, they can turn violent and may require a police response. If you find yourself near a protest/demonstration, the U.S. Embassy recommends immediately departing the area. Foreigners are prohibited from protesting in Ecuador and may be subject to arrest for participating in demonstrations of any kind.